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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 267X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment - in Kanawha County, WV – Consent to Extension of NITU and Request to Extend Consummation Deadline Date

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the Board's issuance of a 180-day extension (to September 13, 2007) of the trail use negotiation period that has been requested by the Elk River Rails-to-Trails Foundation in their letter to the Board dated March 8, 2007.

NSR requests that the consummation date deadline be extended to 60 days after the expiration date of the extended trail use negotiation period.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

James R. Paschall

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cc: Randy Allio, Chairman
Elk River Rails-to-Trails Foundation